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PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

U.S. Application)
Applicants: Kobayashi et al.)
Serial No.: 09/187,700)
Conf. No.: 3400)
Filed: November 6, 1998)
For: STORAGE MEDIUM AND)
METHOD AND APPARATUS)
FOR SEPARATELY)
PROTECTING DATA IN)
DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE)
STORAGE MEDIUM)
Art Unit: 2132)
Examiner: Meislahn, Douglas J.)

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as FIRST-CLASS mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this date.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

Extension fee for response within first month:

- () By a small entity (1.9(f))..... \$ 55.00
- (X) By other than a small entity \$ 110.00

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- () By a small entity (1.9(f))..... \$ 205.00
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- () By a small entity (1.9(f))..... \$985.00
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(X) A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed.

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